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FOLLOWING REPEAT MEXICO 1350 ACTION SECSTATE 31 JAN 76.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 1350

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MX, CU

SUBJECT: CASTRO CANCELS PLAN TO VISIT MEXICO

REF: A. MEXICO 735 B. MEXICO 1121

FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR JOVA

1. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA THIS EVENING SENT FERNANDO GUTIERREZ BARRIOS (SECRETARIAT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHOM HE SENDS TO SEE ME WITH SPECIAL MESSAGES) TO INFORM ME OF CASTRO CANCEL-  
LATION AND ON VISIT OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES (SEPTTEL). FIDEL  
CASTRO SENT BRIEF MESSAGE TO ECHEVERRIA THROUGH CUBAN AMBAS-  
SADOR LOPEZ MUINO REGRETTING THAT HE COULD NOT VISIT MEXICO  
(VISIT WAS REPORTEDLY TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH)

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BECAUSE HE WOULD BE ATTENDINGG COMMUNIST PARTIES MEETING IN

MOSCOW AND ALSO BECAUSE OF SITUATION IN AFRICA (WITHOUT DIRECTLY MENTIONING ANGOLA).

2. MEXICANS SPECULATE (PER GUTIERREZ BARRIOS) THAT CASTRO'S DECISION NOT TO VISIT WAS TRIGGERED BY TWO RECENT COMMENTS CRITICAL OF INTERVENTION MADE BY ECHEVERRIA: ONCE AT DIPLO-MATIC CORPS LUNCHEON FOR PRESIDENT AND AGAIN AT ECHEVERRIA/TRUDEAU PRESS CONFERENCE (SEE REFTELS) WHEN ECHEVERRIA SAID HE WISHED NO ONE WOULD INTERVENE IN ANGOLA. (HE DID NOT REFER DIRECTLY TO CUBA ON EITHER OCCASION.)

3. ECHEVERRIA IS PLEASED WITH CASTRO DECISION NOT TO VISIT. THE VISIT WOULD "BE DIFFICULT" FOR MEXICO. THE "SITUATION HAS CHANGED" IN PAST SIX MONTHS (SINCE ECHEVERRIA EXTENDED INVITATION). ECHEVERRIA BELIEVES CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA IS "TURNING WORLD OPINION AGAINST CUBA".

4. ECHEVERRIA IS SENDING GUTIERREZ BARRIOS TO HAVANNA TOMOR-ROW FOR BRIEF (36 HOUR) STAY, TO EXPRESS ACCEPTANCE OF CASTRO'S DECISION, EXPRESS POLITE REGRETS, AND DELIVER PRESIDENTIAL GIFTS (ART BOOKS ETC). GUTIERREZ BARRIOS WILL NOT RPT NOT MAKE ANY EFFORT TO INDUCE CASTRO TO CHANGE HIS DECISION. JOVA UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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